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We are working on it...

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I recommend again that we finish the search functionality on ChemView. A separate list will take on a life of its own and is not information that we are not otherwise making available.

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Hi,

OPPT agrees that making this information public is important and are committed to ensuring this search functionality is in chemview and that clear instructions are provided on how to undertake the search. As of today, we have some concerns that the chemview search may not be returning a complete set of PFAS. The team that needs to do the

troubleshooting on the chemview set is currently focused on implementing the Carper transparency commitment and that is their first priority. Our preferred option for closing the loop with the reporter is to send the file we have already developed. However, another option is to post that excel file on the web and then point her to it but that is not our recommendation as the file is a bit "wonky" as Tala put it and we would rather dispense with the press response for today and focus on the PFAS chemview search and instructions after completing work on the Carper commitment #1.

Please advise on how OCSPP would like to address the press response.

Thanks,  
Hans

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OK, adding Hans.

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I agree; this needs to be information that we would make available to all. Let's give her the search instructions. The list is still useful to us internally.

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When will the instructions be available? Perhaps we can give those to the reporter?

The concern is that we shouldn't be giving to reporters information that is not publicly available. If its hard to access, lets improve access for everyone--not just a reporter, where we cannot control the spin or context.

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The question was whether to put the "list", which is what the reporter asked for and which we intended to provide, up on (a?) website.

My response was not saying it was "easy to find"; rather that a multi-page list of long chemistry names is not a very 'webby' item (not to mention it would be outdated the day we receive a single NOC for a new PFAS, so there is also a maintenance issue\_ and that we were, alternatively, working to put 'instructions' for anyone to compile their own list from chemview.

To be clearer, my suggestion is to;

- (1) Provide the reporter the list we spent the effort to create to meet her deadline
- (2) Get our 'instructions' posted so that in future we can point people to that as a way for them to make queries to ChemView

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So if it's easy to find, why is Hans saying the opposite and delivering a list?

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On May 1, 2019, at 6:46 PM, Henry, Tala <Henry.Tala@epa.gov> wrote:

Its pages and pages of long, complicated chemical names...so very wonky. I also believe they are all in ChemView already and at Alex's request earlier this month we have developed a 'search for PFAS in ChemView' instructions to put on the web; it is coming to OCSPP shortly.

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Agree?

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Since PFAS is such a hot issue, I wonder if we would be better served putting this information on our web and then pointing the reporter to it.  
To the point from Hans- its really hard for the general public to find. So why wouldn't we want to bundle it and keep a list that is regularly updated for the public?

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Tala approved. From Hans: I believe that this information could be ascertained from public information by reviewed public information on all of the chemicals that EPA has reviewed but that would be nearly impossible to actually accomplish. I'm unsure how this could potentially be done in an automated fashion. The point I am trying to make is that information on these PFAS are available but there is not place where this list is actually provided/available. Also, this is first time I am aware that this information has been provided to a reporter. We have provided similar information to the hill not to a reporter to my knowledge.

**INCOMING:** From Sharon Lerner: In this recent Inside [EPA article](#), I noticed that EPA toxics chief Alexandra Dunn was quoted as saying that "...of the 602 "active" [PFAS] chemicals on the agency's TSCA inventory of chemicals in commerce, EPA has only reviewed 58 percent of them."  
My question is: which of the 602 chemicals EPA has reviewed?

**RESPONSE ATTACHED.**

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Hi Andrea-

Just wondering what the latest with this is.

Thanks,

Sharon

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On Apr 24, 2019, at 5:11 PM, Drinkard, Andrea  
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Hi Sharon,

I'm looking into this for you. Can you let me know what your deadline is?

Thanks.

-Andrea-

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Hi Enesta -

I'm writing with another question about the PFAS inventory.

In this recent Inside [EPA article](#), I noticed that EPA toxics chief Alexandra Dunn was quoted as saying that "...of the 602 "active" [PFAS] chemicals on the agency's TSCA inventory of chemicals in commerce, EPA has only reviewed 58 percent of them."

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Thanks for your help as always,

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